

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP: 3767

Docket: 33728/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	Safety Cannula		

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
(UNDER 37 CFR 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 27, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.